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President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope with the longer days and warmer weather, everyone is getting the opportunity to venture out and get a little history hunting in! I really want to thank everyone for making last month's auction a huge success and fun evening. In particular, Bob Campbell and Eldon Farnsworth went above and beyond to keep things moving and organized. Many members have contacted me expressing an interest in doing this again. This month, our meeting is March 22nd at 7:00pm. Medals Chairman Don Swain will be giving a presentation on collecting medals and the history of NUTS Club medals. On this topic, we will be voting for this year's club medal design. Please remember bring your entry to the meeting. One last reminder; the finds of the month contest resumes this month. As always, thank you ALL for your tremendous support of our great club!

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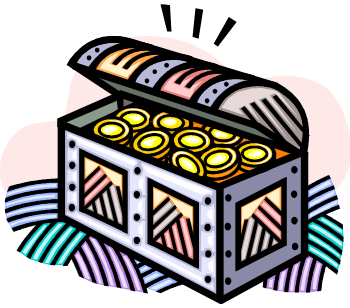

Don't forget about the drawing we will have lots of great prizes including coins, tokens and GOLD!

Also its time to submit 2012 club metal design's!

Finds of the month starts up in March so bring your treasures in that you have found this winter

Please bring in any Library books that you have checked out

Utah Saloon Tokens

Within just twenty-two years of its founding in 1847, Salt Lake City had a population of just under 13,000 people by 1870. In the early years Bringham Young ran a "tight ship" keeping a watchful hold on the morality of the settlers under his direction and protecting them from the evils of the "outside" world.

By 1857, when U.S. Troops arrived under the command of Albert S. Johnston, the whole tone of life along what we know as the Wasatch Front changed dramatically. Bringham Young's grip on the community was broken, saloons operated in Salt Lake City, and the stretch of road below 2nd, So. on Main St. became known as Whiskey St.. Brothels and gambling dens flourished in Frogtown, east across the creek from Camp Floyd, and did a brisk business among the several thousands troops stationed there. (Frogtown later became Fairfield)

As Utah diversified and developed commercially over the latter part of the 19th century, non-Mormons gradually moved in and provided other services that helped with the overall development of the state. One of the key business interests was mining, and along with mining camps came thirsty miners. Soon saloons sprang up in those communities, which ultimately spread to Salt Lake City. The state's strong religious backing kept the saloon influence from spreading in the manner that it did in the wide open mining states such as Nevada. Many Utah saloon tokens still exist dating from territorial days and beyond (Utah achieved statehood in 1896.)

In 1882, Utah imported a reported $615,000 in liquor and cigars. This is an astounding number, since the amount of clothing and furniture imported was only $180,000 more for the entire state! Figures such as this well illustrate the importance of the saloon in western economy, even in Utah.

Salt Lake City wasn't the only sinful city in Utah. Ogden became the railroad terminus relocated from promontory summit, 60 Miles away. It was the receiving center for immigrants coming west. Towns like Murray, Colton (originally called pleasant Valley Junction), and Price all had their share of saloons and other" questionable entertainments." There are now in the city some six brothels, forty tap rooms, a number of gambling houses, pool tables, and other disreputable concerns, all run by non-Mormons, according to a report in the Deseret News dated 1886. Despite the influence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the good intentions of members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Anti-Saloon League among others, the years of prohibition in Utah (1917-1936) did little to stop the flow of alcohol production and consumption. Gradually, the cities cleaned up and police stopped looking the other way, particularly with the passing of the 21st Amendment, and repeal of Prohibition's 18th Amendment in 1933.

Utah's saloon token history is picturesque, to say the least, and a feel for those times is reflected in the array of tokens from the era that are still extant. There are 264 varieties of Utah saloon tokens known from 73 different towns. Salt Lake City Boasts the most saloon tokens with 81 known pieces. There are also two known saloon mirrors from Utah. Saloon pieces from Utah date back as early as the 1880s through the early 1900s.

Miscellaneous club news

Next Club Meeting
March 22 2012
Columbus Community Center
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Election Results

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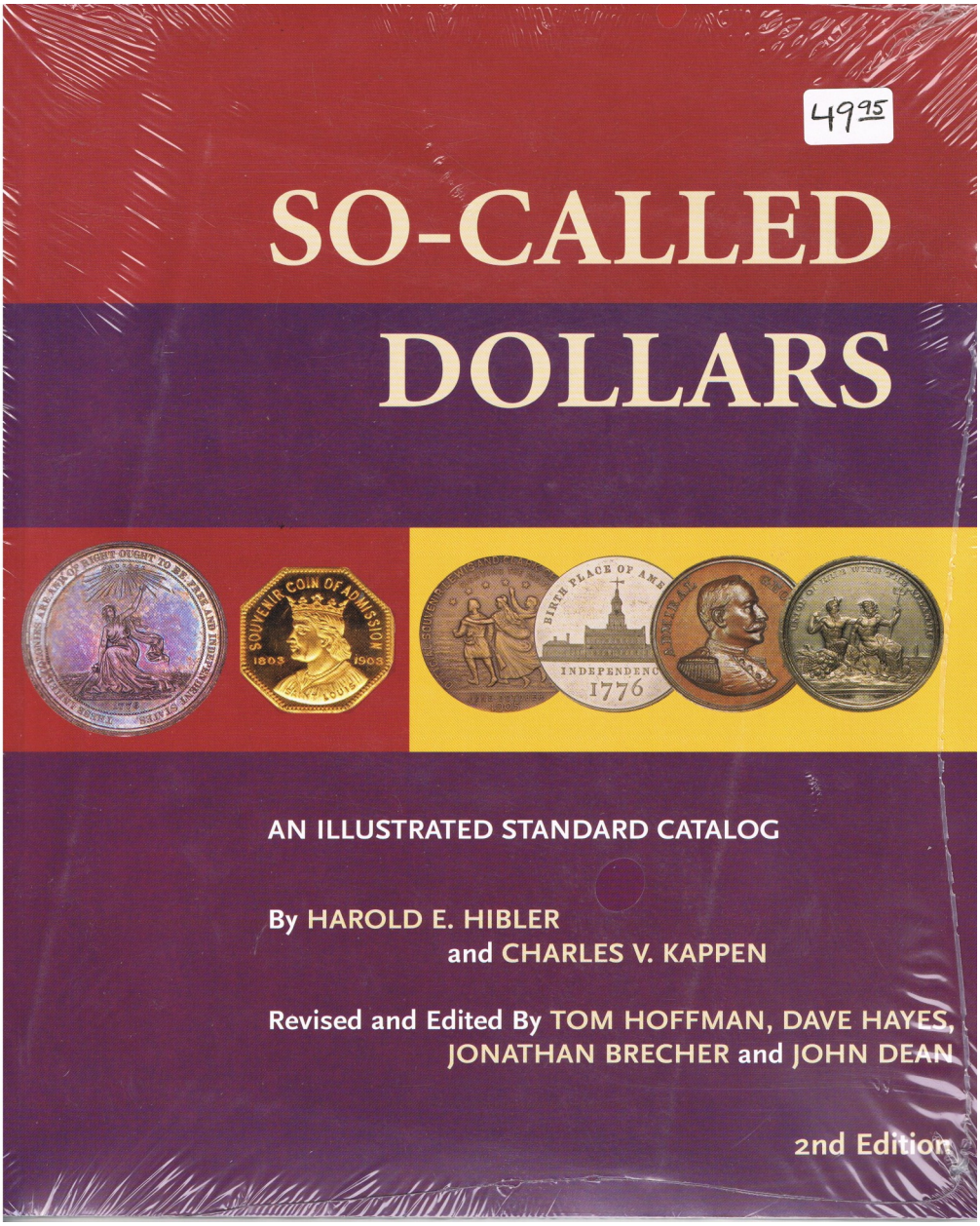

Bob Campbell has purchased a case of this book and want to pass his saving's on to you, if you would like to purchase one of these books called So-Called Dollars please see a wagon master at the meeting they will be selling them for $25.00 witch is 50% off. The normal dealer discount is only 40% off, and there is no tax on it.

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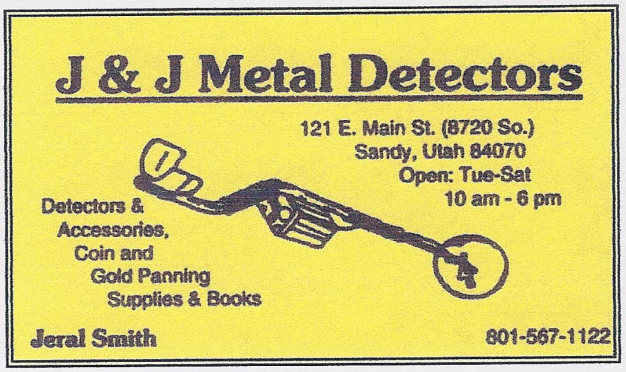
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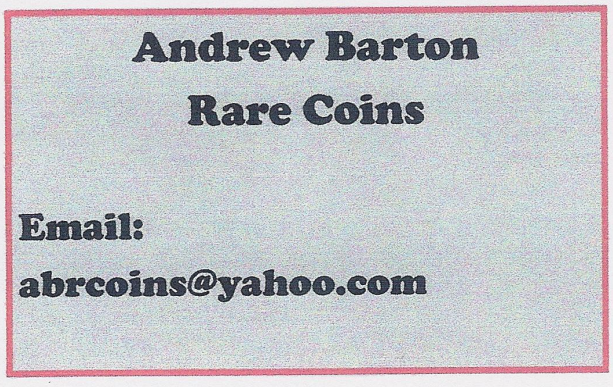
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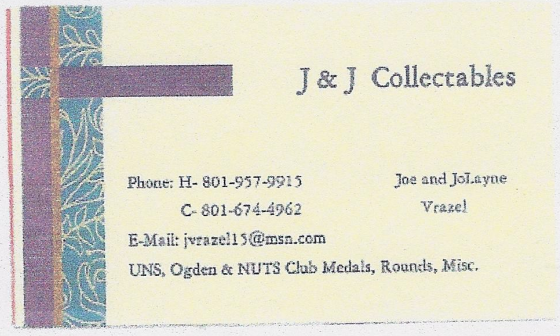
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